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## REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- □ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number [US App No], filed [US App Dt], is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number, filed, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	MONTH/DAY/YEAR
JAPAN	2000-073409	March 16, 2000
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Certified copies of the corresponding	(Convention Application(s) ユ	RECEIVED  HAY 16 2001  HAY 16 2001
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□ were filed in prior application	n Serial No. filed	<b>8</b> 008
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☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and		
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